



#### The City of Kerrville

# City Connection

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#### **Keeping you connected**

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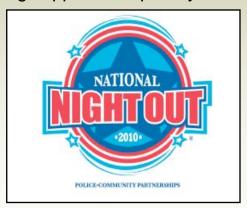


Is your school or organization interested in a City Facilities tour? Contact City Hall at 830/257-8000 for more information.



#### **News from Public Safety**

On Tuesday, October 5th, neighborhoods throughout Kerrville and Kerr County are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities statewide for the "27th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 3rd nationwide, but Texans will celebrate NNO in October due to the cooler temperatures compared to August. NNO 2010 is being supported in part by TARGET, the national corporate sponsor.



National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 6 to 10 p.m. on October 5th, residents in neighborhoods throughout Kerr County and across the state are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Kerrville and Kerr County will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from law enforcement, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anticrime rallies.

National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. On October 5th, we invite neighborhoods statewide to join us in *Giving Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party.*"

Residents, block clubs, local businesses, community groups, homeowners associations, and neighborhood watch groups, etc. are encouraged to call and sign up with the Kerrville Police Department's Community Services Officer Paul Gonzales at 830-792-2745 if you live inside the city limits.

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If you live outside the city limits, call the Kerr County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Deputy Pam Hicks at 830-896-1216.

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# "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!"

# Fire Prevention Week is October 3-9, 2010

In an effort to better educate the citizens of Kerrville about smoke alarm recommendations, the Kerrville Fire Department and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) are promoting "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" as the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, October 3-9, 2010. NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for 88 years.

Smoke alarms can mean the difference between life and death in a fire. NFPA statistics show that working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire nearly in half. But they must be working properly to do so. The NFPA's data shows that many homes have smoke alarms that aren't working or maintained properly, usually because of missing, disconnected or dead batteries. Roughly two-thirds of all home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

The Kerrville Fire Department will be hosting activities during Fire Prevention Week (October 3-9) to promote "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" Through these educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the power of smoke alarms, newer options for installing and maintaining them properly, and ultimately, how to better protect their loved ones from fire.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Kerrville, please contact the Pat Dunlap, Kerrville's Fire Marshal at 257-8449.

#### Good to know...

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button, and make sure everyone in your home knows their sound.
- If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they're 10 years old if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Never remove or disable a smoke alarm.

# Lytle Park Scheduled for Improvements



Lytle Park will be renovated over the next several months with the total funding of \$149,000 provided from the City's Capital Improvement Program. A master plan for the park has just been completed with the assistance of citizen input received at three public meetings held over the last few months. The City Council will adopt the Lytle Park Master Plan on September 28th.

Acquired from Captain Joseph Tivy in 1890, Lytle Park is one of the oldest parks in Kerrville. This 3.7 acre site, located

at 1st and Lytle Streets, has had an interesting history, which includes being a known camp site for Native Americans, home to Kerrville's professional baseball team in the early 1900's, occupied by the U.S. Army immediately after World War I, and served the community with youth baseball and softball league play for decades. It now functions as a neighborhood park, with a baseball field and play equipment installed primarily in the 1940's 1960's.

The new plan for the park includes the installation of a totally accessible modular playground, perimeter walking path around the park, paved parking, expanded open space for various types of rentals/uses, a group pavilion, park furniture, restroom removal, tree plantings, and security lighting. Interpretive signage discussing the park's history will be included, as well. The improvements will be installed in phases, with the first phase including the playground, parking, walking path, site work, and lighting improvements scheduled for installation by Parks and Recreation Department staff beginning in November 2010.



### Did you know?

The Butt-Holdsworth Library is a Wi-Fi hot spot!

The Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting two holiday opportunities again this year, *Supper with Santa* and *Christmas Camp*.



Supper with Santa is a holiday event for ages 3 to 10 years and will be held on December 18th. Children accompanied by at I east one adult will participate in an evening candy cane hunt, hot dog dinner, holiday crafts, photos and of course Santa! Registration fee is \$10.00 per person.

Christmas Camp will be held December 20-23 and is for ages 6-10 years. With a registration fee of \$55.00, participants will enjoy craft making and other fun activities at this holiday themed camp. Hurry, as space is limited; registration deadline for *Supper with Santa* and *Christmas Camp* is December 12th. Both programs will be held at the Kerrville-Schreiner Park Recreation Hall.

You can get more information on both programs by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department at (830) 258-5507.



The City of Kerrville will provide quality, innovative, diverse and safe parks, facilities and recreation programs to our citizens and visitors.

# Holiday Lighted Parade



The Kerrville Main Street Program would like to invite you to join us for the 10th Annual Holiday Lighted Parade at 6:00 PM on November 20, 2010. Preparations are currently underway to mark this exciting event.

The parade will commence at the corner of the G Street Bridge and Water Street. It will travel westbound on Water Street, make a left on Earl Garrett and will then end at the Kerr County Courthouse. Santa and Mrs. Claus will complete the parade riding in their signature fire truck and the courthouse lighting will be the finale.

There are some exciting changes this year to mark the 10 year anniversary of the Holiday Lighted Parade! For the first time ever, cash awards will be given for the top three entries and the committee's choice. First place will receive \$250, Second place will receive \$175, Third Place will receive \$75 and the Committee's Choice will receive \$100. All winners will be announced at the Courthouse Lighting Ceremony following the Holiday Lighted Parade.

For more information on the event and to obtain an entry form for the parade, call the Kerrville Main Street office at 793-8395 or visit http://www.kerrvilletx.gov.



### Convention Center Project Update

The City of Kerrville has signed a letter agreement with Dallas based Hunter Equity to evaluate options for a public/private partnership to construct a Multipurpose meeting facility and flag hotel.



During a council briefing this summer, the review panel sited project specific details consisting of the best suited location for minimizing the city's cost while maximizing revenue streams. The facility should be approximately 45,000 square feet with one single span room of 26,000 square feet and multiple break-out rooms.

Amenities in the facility are to include full audio/visual system and a catering kitchen to accommodate a full range of uses such as trade shows, business and professional meetings and social events.

Extensive data was collected by the KCVB and TXP, Inc. documenting the need for additional meeting space and hotel rooms to expand the City's tourism base. Currently, over 1.2 million people visit Kerr County each year. However, approximately 260 convention groups have been unable to book space here due to lack of meeting space and rooms. Currently the city has 1,200 motel and hotel rooms.

The City of Kerrville's ability to participate in a public/private partnership for developing a multi-purpose meeting facility and hotel is through hotel/motel tax revenues and Section 4B sales tax for economic development receipts. The two funding streams could be used for debt service.

Hunter Equity's principal Pete Moore and his team have until the end October to present a plan to city staff and the City Council. For more details, visit www.kerrvilletx.gov/mmf.

## Happy New Year!

The Fiscal Year starts October 1<sup>st</sup>. A Copy of the approved budget can be found by visiting www.kerrvilletx.gov/fy11budget.





#### **Library Hours**

Monday	10:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.
Friday	12:00 p.m 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.

#### **New Transfer Station Open**

The City of Kerrville is proud to announce the completion of the Landfill Transfer Station Facility with an opening date of September 6, 2010. The new facility is located at 3315 Veterans Highway (Loop 534) on Landfill Road just before entering the existing landfill area. This effort by the City of Kerrville and its solid waste provider, Allied Waste, is part of a 20-year agreement where Allied Waste will operate the station. Operation will provide consolidation of solid waste for daily transport to a permitted Allied Waste facility outside of Kerr County. This will greatly curtail the amount of solid waste entering the Kerrville landfill thus

extending its life for use and expansion well after the 20-year agreement expires. The landfill transfer station is open to all Kerrville and Kerr County residents.

Please contact the Transfer Station office at (830) 257-3831 for any solid waste service questions.

